

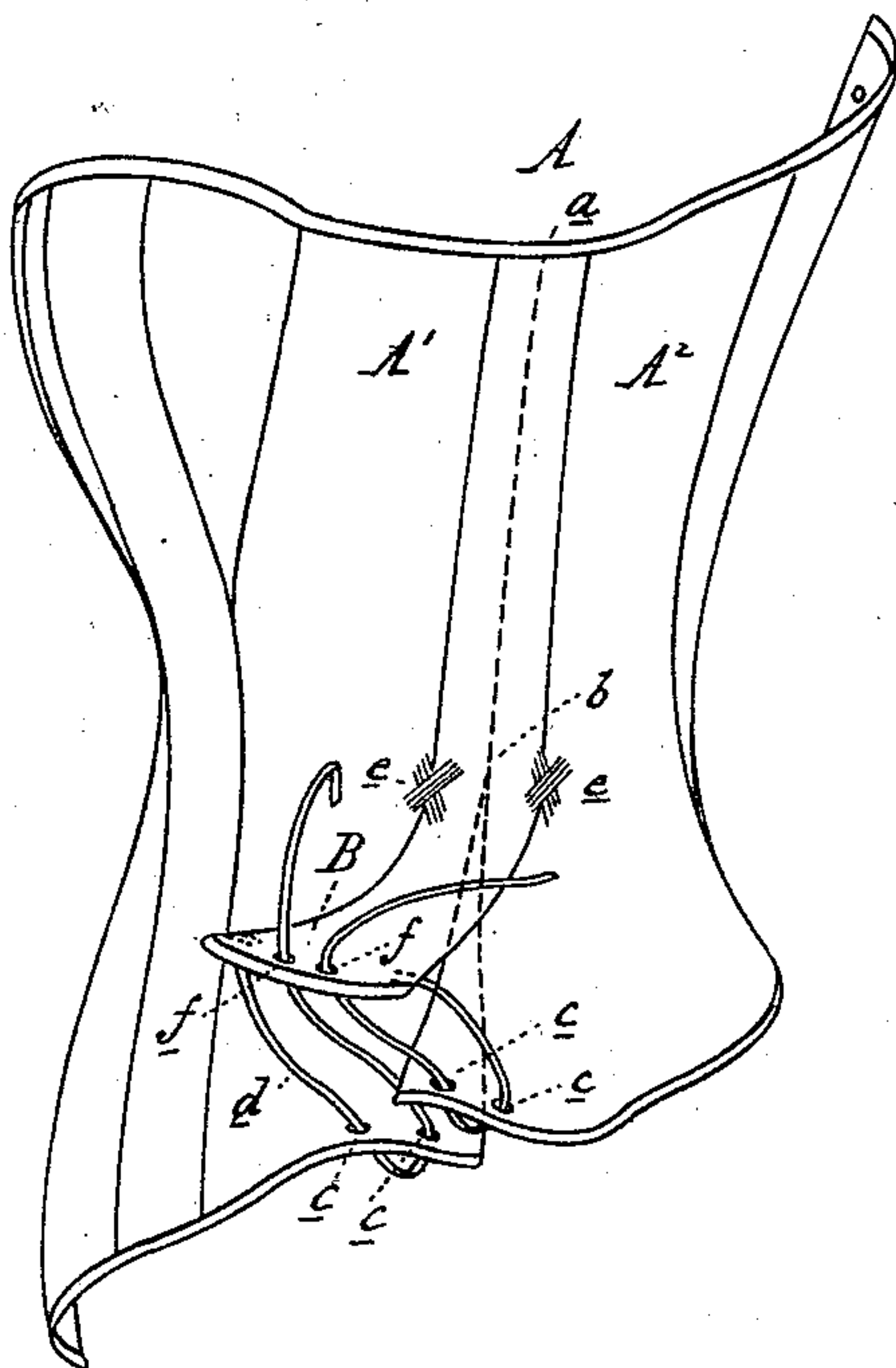
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN N. LEMEN, of the city and county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented an Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of this invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the manufacture of corsets, by means of which adjustability at the hip-section is provided; and the invention consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, as more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which one side of a corset is shown with the shield raised so as to disclose the adjustable hip-section, A represents the side piece of a corset suitably boned. This side piece is made in two pieces, A' A², with a central seam (shown in dotted lines) joining the two under the arm on a vertical line starting from the point *a* and extending down to the point *b*, leaving the lower ends of the pieces unjoined and the edges overlapping each other when the corset is not in use. Near the lower end of these two pieces are inserted eyelets *c*, by means of which and a suitable lacing, *d*, the parts may be adjusted to the size of the hip of the wearer.

B represents a vertical shield-piece, narrower at its top than bottom, firmly stitched to the side pieces, A' A², at each side as low as the point *b*, below which it is free. This shield covers the junction of the pieces A' A² and entirely covers the seam joining said pieces. At the point where the stitching ends strong stays should be made to prevent accidental ripping. In the bottom of this piece are inserted eyelets

f, through which the ends of the lacing are passed and then tied upon the outside to hold the shield over the adjusted hip-section and prevent the flesh of the wearer from protruding.

It may be deemed preferable to make the side composed in the drawings of the parts A' A² in one piece, cut up and hemmed from the bottom to the point *b*, and this may be done without departing from the spirit of my invention.

The shield B is suitably boned at or near its vertical center.

Instead of lacing the parts together, as above described, they may be adjustably secured together by a strap and buckle.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a corset, the combination, with the side pieces, A' A², partially separated at their lower edges, of the shield B, secured to the exterior of the corset and constructed to cover the junction of the pieces A' A², and the lacings *d*, adapted to draw the pieces A' A² together and the shield to the pieces A' A², substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

2. In a corset, the combination, with the side pieces, A' A², partially separated at their lower edges, of the shield B, secured to the exterior of the corset and adapted to cover the junction of the pieces A' A², and the lacings *d*, secured to the outer edges of the shield and passing through holes *c c* in the side pieces and through holes *f f* in the shield, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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